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From: **Michele Zaharia** <mczaharia@hotmail.com>

Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2025 at 12:14

Subject: Erosion of Stanley Creek in Lake Cowichan BC

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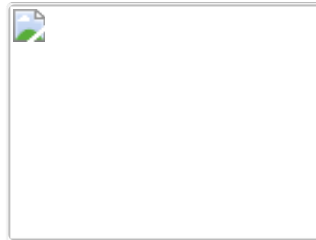
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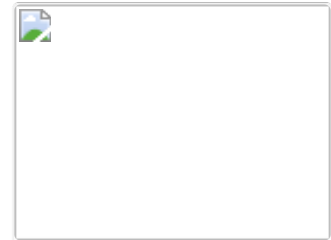
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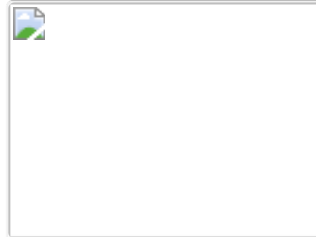
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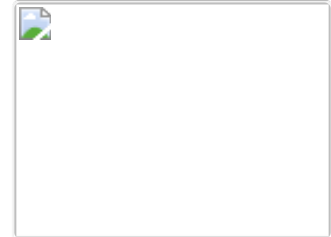
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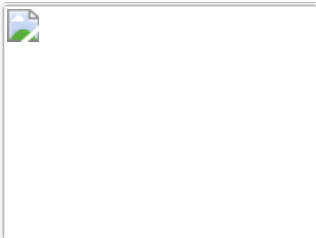
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Please find attached pictures taken in Feb/Mar 2025 of Stanley Creek from our property on [237 Cowichan Lake Rd](#) in Lake Cowichan BC.

These show how the creek and it's banks have been compromised by the decision to clear cut the property adjacent to the creek to construct a subdivision. This decision was approved pre-maturely by the Town of Lake Cowichan's CAO (at the time) Joe Fernandez, before an RAPR report was submitted or accepted by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources from the QEP working on behalf of the developer.

I have raised concerns regarding the cutting of too many trees too close to the riparian area and creek many times. The trees in this picture have fallen since this area has been cleared. Trees have come down directly beside the house that has been built extremely close to the riparian area. They couple who reside in the house are very lucky these trees fell into the creek and not onto their house. There were some remaining trees that were removed after the initial clearing to accommodate the construction of this house. These trees were right on the edge of the creeks banks. I have before pictures of all this which I can forward to anyone who cares to see them.

As you can see in these pictures, the erosion created by the trees that have fallen into the creek since the construction has begun. This is putting our property and house at risk. The wind throw comes from the other side of the creek towards our house. This becomes a huge concern regarding the remaining trees being vulnerable to the elements as they are not deep rooted due to the protection they had prior to the construction site being illegally clear cut and allowed to clear too close to the creek.

Again, I have spent months raising concerns regarding this issue but to no avail. I contacted Sarah Bonar, the other QEP the developer hired, with my concerns. She said that it was from further up the creek where clear cut logging has been done close to the creek that would be the concern. Granted this is also a factor but not the only factor. It only worsens the decision to cut down trees for this subdivision so close to the creek.

We are asking for someone to please come and take a look for yourselves at the damage this is doing to the creek, it's banks and to the salmon that inhabit this salmon protected creek.

I should note that we had hired our own QEP after the initial clearing was done and their findings contradicted that of both the QEP's the developer hired. I will be happy to forward this on.

I look forward to hearing from someone listed on this email...as we are getting extremely frustrated on spending time and money on this issue only to not to be heard and now the damage is being done.

Thank you
Michele and Mark Langton
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Fwd: Erosion of Stanley Creek in Lake Cowichan BC

1 message

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To: Ashley Cox <hello@cowichanwatershedboard.ca>

Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 2:07 PM

Email 2 of 2 - see previous please.

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Here are some other pictures taken during a heavy rainfall this March 2025.

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